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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: *Ex parte* Presentation in ET Docket No. 95-18

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday afternoon, Jeff Baumann, Barry Umansky, Karen Fullum, and the undersigned met with Regina Keeney, Chief of the International Bureau, and other staff of that Bureau, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding. A copy of a written presentation is attached.

We discussed the following points:

- The impact of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on the Commission's initial plan to allocate spectrum for MSS uses;
- The importance of the present uses of the spectrum at 1990-2110 MHZ for news-gathering, and the increased demands for that spectrum for broadcast stations;
- The need to identify spectrum that can be auctioned to meet the requirements of the Balanced Budget Act outside of the spectrum now used by broadcasters and U.S. space agencies;
- The status of technology that might permit broadcasters to continue their current news-gathering activities using less spectrum;
- The need for full reimbursement of any costs incurred by broadcasters in clearing spectrum for MSS uses;
- The need for spectrum for electronic news-gathering for High Definition Television; and

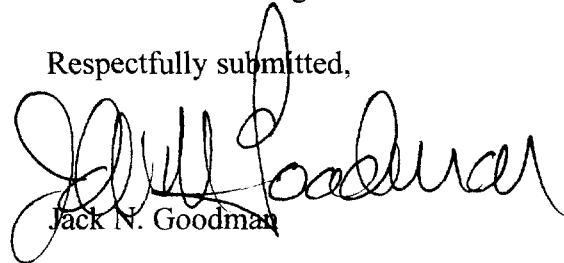
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- The impact of the decisions taken at the 1997 WRC on the Commission's proposed allocation for MSS, as well as the impact of those decisions on demand for MSS spectrum and the likely timing of MSS deployment.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack N. Goodman", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

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Attachment

cc: Regina Keeney

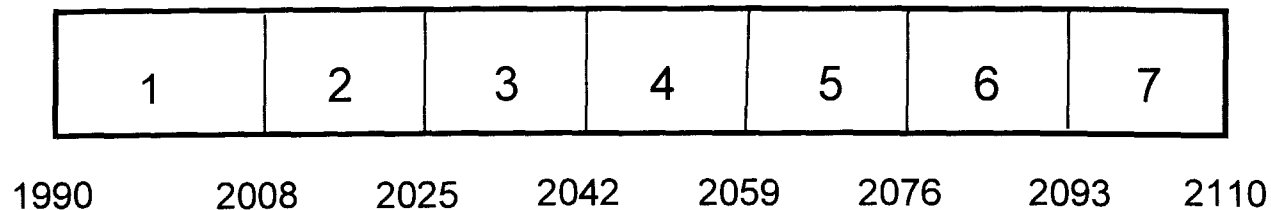
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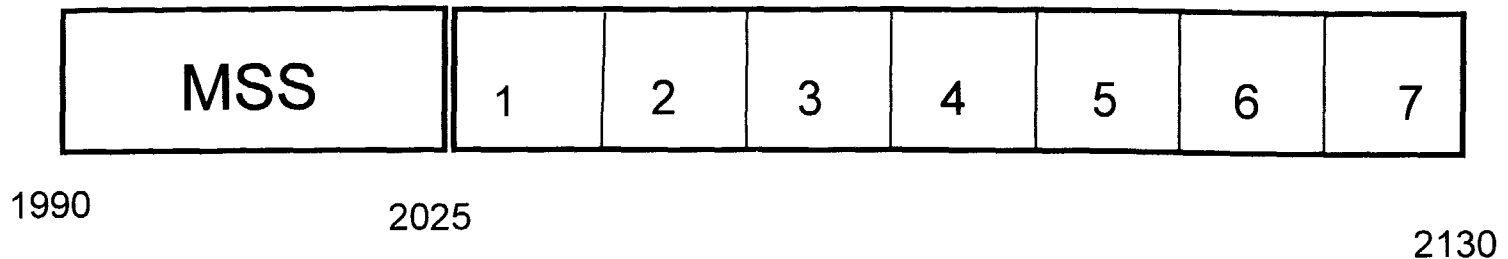
BROADCASTERS

FCC Report & Order

Current 2 GHz band



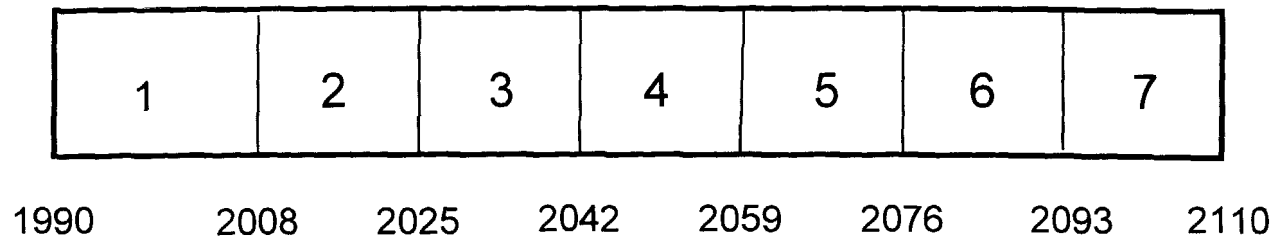
Proposed spectrum allocation



ENG channels would shrink to 15 MHz
Total ENG allocation would be reduced from 120 to 105 MHz

The 2 GHz Band

Current 2 GHz band



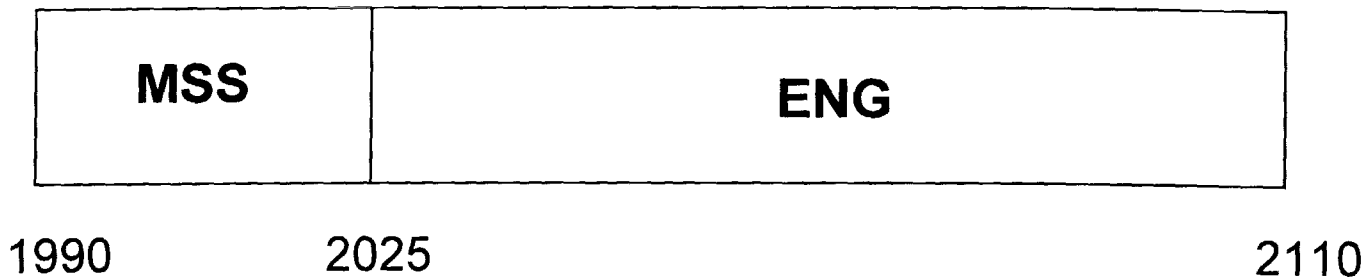
- Total spectrum: 120 MHz (1990 - 2110 MHz)
- 7 channels, 17 MHz ea. (ch. 1 is 18)
- Highly congested
- FS (Fixed Service) now occupies 2110-2200 MHz

The Budget Agreement

- Requires the FCC to auction 100 MHz of spectrum by 9-30-2002 including:
 - 45 MHz at 1710-1755 MHz
 - 40 MHz at 2110-2150 MHz &
 - 15 MHz between 1990 and 2110 MHz

Post-Budget ENG Options

85 MHz Scenario



70 MHz Scenario

